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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of William L. Carter, who passed away on June 21, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, William Carter was born in Louisville, Mississippi on March 15, 1939 and raised by his mother, Burnise Byrd and his stepfather, Jack Byrd; he attended Tougaloo College and joined the United States Army, serving from 1960 to 1967; after his service, he graduated from Chicago State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education; he then attended graduate school at Governor's State University; he married Pearlene in October of 1964; and

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WHEREAS, William Carter first worked as a teacher for the Chicago Public Schools system; he then worked for the Chicago Transit Authority, retiring in 1999 after 25 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, William Carter enjoyed traveling with his wife and fulfilling his grandpa "duties"; he was an active member of Sheldon Heights Church of Christ for over 40 years; and

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WHEREAS, William Carter was preceded in death by his mother, Burnise Byrd; his stepfather, Jack Byrd; and his

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1 sister, Clottie Carter Gladney; and

2 WHEREAS, William Carter is survived by his wife, Pearlene;
3 his children, Reginald (Tracy) and Melody (Darren); his
4 grandchildren, Robert, Michael, Daniel, and Nina; his
5 brothers, Jack (Imelda), Earl (Shirrell), and Sam (Denise); his
6 best friend, Julia (Roy); and a host of dear family and
7 friends; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 William L. Carter, and extend our sincere condolences to his
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of William Carter as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.